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To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding the Microsoft settlement, I don't believe that the current proposal provides adequate reparations to those injured by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior. Hundred, even thousands, of small companies have ceased to exist over the decades because of Microsoft's business practices. Microsoft has been declared guilty of past wrongs, and must now be held accountable in some measure.

In previous antitrust cases, companies such as the phone company and Standard oil were broken into pieces (many pieces) in order to restore competition. Granted, after each breakup, the economy declined a bit. However, competition was restored and the economy came back stronger than before. With competition restored, employment will rise and innovation will be stronger than it has in the past decade.

I say that the DOJ and US government should be putting a stop to Microsoft's monopoly. Breaking up the company is one way to restore a level playing field (or competition). Other methods to level the playing field would be to force them to release their file formats, source code, protocols, API's or something similar. (However, even that may not be enough). But the current settlement simply shows that the government no longer has the power to enforce the laws that control our capitalist country. Microsoft will continue to do what it has done in the past knowing that they can get away with it.

Thank you for your time,  
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I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellects has intended us to forgo their use. - Galileo